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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 1-42	YES
	Claims	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1-42	YES
	Claims	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-42	YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

None of the individual citations disclose all the essential features as claimed. Claims 1-42 are novel and involve an inventive step.

The invention is directed to a mill refining apparatus and method comprising an extendible mast, with top and bottom engagement members that can be locked into a substantially upright position within the mill.

The closest art found was:

D1 US 3802150 A (MELTON ET AL.) 9 April 1974

D2: esp@cenet database Abstract SU 609552 A (V NI PI ALYUMINIEVOJ (SU)) 5 June 1978

D3: Derwent Abstract Accession No. 92-198631, Class P41, SU 1678449 A (LVOV BRANCH POWER EQUIP MODERNISATION) 23 September 1991